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The formula I:

The invention provides a pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of

R₂²N-CH₂COCH₂-CH₂CO-OR¹

(I)

wherein, R¹ and R² have any of the values defined in the specification; or a salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. The invention also provides a method for the diagnosis or photochemotherapeutic treatment of disorders or abnormalities of external or internal surfaces of the body using such compounds or salts.